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REMEMBERING THROUGH ART

Age UK project recognises World War Two sacrifices

• *Year 9 pupils Patricia Dos Santos, Sophie Carter and Hollie Charles next to the window displaying their work*

By **Jack Johnson**
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A SPECIAL Remembrance Day art project was unveiled in Didcot earlier this week to help recognise the importance of the military.

Displayed within the four outside windows of Cornerstone, a ceramic cross is central to the exhibition while there are also large poppies and art work created by pupils at Didcot Girls' School, along with remembrance thoughts and poems.

The unveiling comes just under three weeks since the town welcomed home troops from the 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps, and task force.

Mayor of Didcot, Cllr Axel MacDonald, said: "This visual and stunning artwork has the theme of remembrance.

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"Veterans are not just those alive today that served through World War Two but also those currently serving like the troops from EOD and the Search Task Force who returned a few weeks ago.

"I was very proud to see the town turn out to welcome them back."

The project was intergenerational with clients from the town's Health and Wellbeing Centre working with pupils from the Girls' School on the ceramic cross, designed by Abingdon ceramicist Alison Jones.

Didcot Girls' School also held an arts competition for its pupils, which was won by Patricia Dos Santos of Year 9.

Year 13 student Katherine Harris was awarded second and Sophie Carter and Hollie Charles (both Year 9) were joint third.

Miss Dos Santos said: "I love art.

"I wanted to show the soldiers that our generation still remembers the people who died in the war."

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'The recognition they richly deserve'

A COUPLE who have fostered more than 100 children on behalf of Oxfordshire County Council have been given MBEs for their services to children and families.

Bill and Molly Morris, from Wheatley, have been fostering children for over 40 years, and were presented with their awards by Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Tim Stevenson last Thursday.

Molly has completed all possible training in adoption and fostering, and represents Oxfordshire in local and national forums on child care and foster care.

She said: "As a foster carer, you have got to have a love of children, but it is also a very challenging role.

"So many children come into the care system through no fault of their own, often with a variety of problems and low confidence.

"We always try to give them that individual attention and a normal family life. You have to be prepared for some knock-backs

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but the rewards far outweigh the difficulties.

"We'll carry on for as long as we are meeting the needs of the children."

Both Bill and Molly added that they were "overwhelmed" to have received their awards, given to them during a ceremony at Pembroke College.

Cabinet member for children, education and families, Cllr Melinda Tilley, said: "Bill and Molly have made such a difference to the lives of so many young people over the years.

"It is marvellous to see them getting the recognition they so richly deserve.

"The county owes them an enormous debt of gratitude for their enduring commitment to bettering the lives of others."

Lord-Lieutenant Stevenson added: "It's a huge privilege to be able to present these medals on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen.

• *Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Tim Stevenson with Bill and Molly Morris*

"The recipients of the medals have all given great service to their communities.

"There are many people very grateful for what they have done and the help they've given to people completely selflessly."

The ceremony also saw Faringdon's Sjoerd Vogt being awarded the British Empire Medal for his environmental campaign work, which has included setting up eco-awareness events in the community.

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Researchers assess exam success stats

ACCORDING to researchers, a child's social background has more influence on their success at school than their intelligence.

A long-term study led by Oxford University, found that bright children from advantaged social backgrounds are twice as likely to achieve A-Levels compared to those in less affluent areas.

The research team studied 5,000 children aged between 10 and 13 born in Britain and Sweden between the 1940s and 1970s.

Experts from the university's Department of Social Policy and Intervention, and the Swedish Institute for Social Research in Stockholm, studied test scores.

The study found that a child's background - their parents' education, social status and social class - had a strong effect on their academic future.

"The level of education achieved by the child's parents appears to determine how the child performs at school in later years," said lead author Dr Erzsébet Bukodi.

"We see that in both the British and Swedish educational systems, even the very brightest children are hampered if they come from a disadvantaged background."

Children born in Britain in 1970 who were in the top fifth in ability but from least advantaged social backgrounds, had a 40 per cent chance of achieving A-levels or equivalent compared to 80 per cent for those from more affluent backgrounds.

There is also the question of the promotion of greater equality in educational opportunities.

Professor John Goldthorpe added: "This study raises the question of how far it is possible for educational policies alone to promote greater social mobility."

Police are hunting missing 20-year-old man

POLICE are appealing for the public's help in tracing a 20-year-old man, who went missing from the John Radcliffe Hospital on Tuesday.

Declan Nash was last seen at the hospital in Headley Way at around 11.55pm.

He is a mental health patient who was at the hospital to receive treatment at the time he went missing.

Mr Nash is white, and was last seen wearing a grey tracksuit trousers with black lines on both legs, along with a grey t-shirt.

Officers have been carrying out area searches across the Oxford area to try and locate him, and it is believed he has links across the county.

Inspector Chris Simpson, from Cowley Police Station, said: "We are becoming increasingly concerned about Declan's welfare. We do not believe he has access to any funds or a mobile phone.

"We believe he poses a risk of harm to himself and are appealing for any member of the public to contact police immediately if they believe they have seen him."

Less councillors in Cherwell

THE number of Cherwell District Councillors could be reduced, following the first stage of a review into its structural make-up.

Councillors voted in favour of reducing the number of elected members from 50 to 48, as part of a bid to fulfil the requirements of an electoral review.

The submission will be made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), who decided to carry out the assessment to address variations in the number of electors being represented by councillors.

Cllr Barry Wood, leader of the council, said: "This review is taking place to ensure each councillor is representing a similar number of voters and there are not extreme differences. It is important to ensure wards are adequately represented, and the workload placed upon councillors is manageable.

"With this in mind, our submission is to suggest a revised council size of 48 members."

Decisions on both issues and further submissions on the number of wards and councillors will be made next year.

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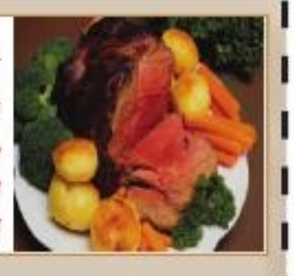
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Fundraisers score a winner for sick kids

A DIDCOT-BASED fundraising organisation is set to hand over a cheque for just under £5,000 to the John Radcliffe Children's Hospital this afternoon.

Play2Give has raised around £4,812 this year for the Children's Hospital, increasing the overall total to over £18,000 for the last six years.

In total, the organisation has raised over £22,000 since it was founded in 2007.

The money was raised this year with a football fun day held at Oxford City Football Club in June, while Play2Give wristbands have been sold and customers and staff at Sainsbury's in Didcot have also been donating.

Andrew Baker, founder and co-ordinator of Play2Give and a former pupil at St Birinus, said: "There are loads of football tournaments out there but this is rather special.

"It is raising money for charity and it is obviously really special.

"By taking part they are helping to raise money for top notch medical equipment.

"Without Oxford City Football Club we would not have a venue and they support us so generously each year."

With a lot of help from fellow Play2Give volunteers Dale Harris and Teresa Strike, St Birinus and Didcot Girls' Schools along with many other businesses and organisations in the town, Mr Baker has raised over £36,000 for local charities over the last 10 years.

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• Teresa Strike, Andrew Baker and Dale Harris at the football fun day earlier this year.

Penny Hambridge , Children's Hospital Fundraiser, added: "We are extremely grateful to all the Play2Give organisers for creating yet another successful children's football tournament and raising close to £5,000.

"Along with the Play2Give events, Andrew, Dale and Teresa have been really successful at motivating other groups and individuals, including local schools, to fundraise for the Children's Hospital.

"It has helped us to make thousands of children's experience in hospital that little bit easier."

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Didcot Girls' pupils help with remembrance exhibition

• Cllr Axel MacDonald with the ceramic cross

• From front page

Vicki Senior, arts teacher at the school, added: "What I think is lovely about Patricia's piece is that it is optimistic of the future but is respectful about the past."

The school's headteacher, Rachael Warwick, added: "The intergenerational theme is quite unusual.

"It has been really beneficial for the younger people to listen to a different perspective."

The project was coordinated by Age UK Oxfordshire, with funding from Didcot Town Council and support from South Oxfordshire District Council's arts development team.

Penny Thewlis, deputy chief executive officer of Age UK Oxfordshire, said: "It is important to remember these people have given everything so we can carry on leading the lives that we do.

"It is really important to bring older and younger people together."

The piece will remain at Cornerstone in the weeks leading up to and including Remembrance Day before the ceramic cross is removed for future display around the town.

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Meeting for Didcot Wave

A PETITION to save the Didcot Wave from closure will be debated at South Oxfordshire District Council this evening.

Town councillor Des Healy will have have the opportunity to speak about the importance of keeping the Wave open to serve the residents of the older areas of the town.

A decision has yet to be made on the future of the Wave but 1,650 residents signed Cllr Healy's petition.

Band night

EIGHTIES band The Crimps are performing at Didcot Conservative Club tomorrow evening to help raise money for the Mayor's charities.

Cllr Axel MacDonald's charities are the Felix Fund and the Balsam Project while the evening promises to be full of vintage sounds.

Tickets are £6 and the event starts at 8pm.

Labour win

LABOUR candidate John Ord won last week's All Saints Ward by-election.

Cllr Ord received 383 votes, winning by 147.

Conservative candidate Keith Charles Robertson was the nearest challenger.

Andrew Peter Jones (Lib Dems) received 211 votes and Paul John Williams (Independent) had 56 votes.

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Teen wanted for rape skips court date

• *Ismail Dilsoz*

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy who failed to appear in court in connection with a rape inquiry is being sought by police.

Ismail Dilsoz, 17, of Headington, has been charged with the offence and was due to appear at Oxford Crown Court on Friday, but failed to attend and is now wanted.

Detective constable Matthew Hodgetts said: "Ismail Dilsoz is wanted for a serious offence of rape and for breach of bail.

"It is believed he may still be in the Oxford area but there is a possibility he is now further afield.

"I would urge anyone who knows where he is or has information about his recent whereabouts to come forward."

Anyone with information as to his location is asked to contact police on 101.

'We'll always stay strong for you...'

TRIBUTES have been paid to a 22-year-old soldier who was repatriated at RAF Brize Norton earlier this week.

Lance Corporal James Brynin of the Intelligence Corps was killed in action in Helmand province, Afghanistan, on October 15.

LCpl Brynin was attached to the 14th Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare), deployed in August 2013 as an intelligence analyst working for a Light Electronic Warfare Team within the Brigade Reconnaissance Force (BRF) of 7th Armoured Brigade.

He had been selected for promotion to full corporal and aspired to attend pre-parachute selection on his return from Afghanistan.

His father Efrem, mother Sharon, sister Yasmin and girlfriend Olivia have paid tribute to their loved one.

"Heart of a lion, we will always stand strong for you," they said.

"We will never forget. Rest in peace."

LCpl Brynin was born in Shoreham-by-Sea and joined the Army in February 2011.

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During the early hours of October 15, the BRF deployed from Camp Bastion into the Nahr-e Saraj district of Helmand province to counter a threat to both the Afghan population and the International Security Assistance Force.

LCpl Brynin's section became the target of enemy fire but while extracting from the area he received a fatal gunshot wound.

Lieutenant Colonel Mark Purves, Royal Signals, Commanding Officer of 14th Signal Regiment (Electronic Warfare), said LCpl was "bright and engaging".

Lt Col Purves added: "He was immensely popular and an outstanding soldier in every respect.

"He was fit, determined and genuinely wanted to make a difference. His selection for promotion to full corporal earlier this year highlighted his flair for his chosen profession.

"Always seeking excellence, he aspired to attend pre-parachute selection on his return from Afghanistan; his quality was such that I am confident he would have passed with flying colours. A member of a small and specialist cadre, his selfless sacrifice to those around him typifies his commitment and unflinching bravery."

• *LCpl James Brynin (Picture courtesy of MOD)*

Lt Col Richard Slack, Commanding Officer of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers, the Brigade Reconnaissance Regiment, added that LCpl Brynin "was a star, burning bright and rising fast".

Charities set for funding

THREE charities in Oxford are set to share £1,000, as part of the Charity Choices programme being launched by the Chelsea Building Society.

Oxford Children's Hospital and Children Fund, Cutteslowe Community Centre and Footsteps were chosen by staff and members at the branch.

And now customers are to be asked to vote to determine the amount of money each one receives, with sums of £500, £300 and £200 up for grabs.

The scheme will launch at the George Street branch tomorrow, when voting will begin for a fortnight.

Manager Thomas Honour said: "The charities benefiting are all important to our local community, so it's great that the final decision will be placed in the hands of our members.

"As a mutual organisation, we always look to support local charities and good causes so I really hope everyone will take the opportunity to come into the branch and make their vote count."

It is part of a national scheme by Chelsea Building Society, with each of their 35 branches nationally being given £1,000 to split among local charities.

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Four arrested

FOUR men have been arrested on suspicion of robbery after a group assaulted and injured a 36-year-old man last Wednesday in Southwold, Bicester.

The incident took place at around 11pm in Willow Drive, where the victim's mobile phone was stolen but later retrieved. He also had to go to hospital for injuries to his face.

All have been released on bail until November 27.

Teen on bail

A 16-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of actual bodily harm following an assault in Carterton on Sunday which left a man unconscious in the road.

The incident took place in Alvescot Road, near the Golden Eagle pub, at around 12.15am.

The boy has been released on bail until November 20.

Police patrols

THAMES Valley Police are stepping up patrols this Halloween, with neighbourhood teams ensuring that children trick or treating do so safely and anti-social behaviour is prevented.

Ch Supt Tim De Meyer said: "Teams will be patrolling over the weekend to ensure everybody behaves themselves."

Police chiefs happy as crime continues to fall

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CRIME has continued to fall in the Thames Valley, according to figures released by the Office for National Statistics on Thursday.

It showed that overall crime dropped by six per cent in the 12 months leading up to June 2013, in comparison with the previous year.

There were a total of 129,025 offences recorded in the Thames Valley during that period, down in the previous year's total of 137,301.

Chief Constable Sara Thornton said: "I am delighted that crime has continued to drop in the Thames Valley.

"I want to thank the thousands of officers, staff and volunteers working for Thames Valley Police for all their hard work.

"Their efforts make the Thames Valley a safe place to live and work, and we will continue to work towards cutting crime across the three counties over the next 12 months."

One of the largest reductions seen in the statistics was the drop in domestic burglary offences, which fell by 19 per cent. This was the fourth-largest drop from all forces in the country.

They also saw the third-largest reduction with robbery offences, with 1,184 incidents recorded compared to 1,650 previously.

Violence against the person offences saw a six per cent drop compared with three per cent nationally, and criminal damage and arson incidents fell by 13 per cent.

However, the number of recorded sexual offences increased by 14 per cent, rising from 1,888 to 2,159.

Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfeld said: "I am delighted to see that the Thames Valley has seen another drop in crime.

"As one of my key priorities, I am particularly pleased to see the significant reduction in domestic burglary.

"I would like to thank all police officers, staff and volunteers whose hard work and dedication has helped to achieve another reduction in crime."

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See the proposals for the Westgate centre

RESIDENTS and retailers have been invited to view plans of the redevelopment of the Westgate Shopping Centre.

This follows impressive turnouts earlier this year at consultation events where Westgate Oxford Alliance spoke of its ambition to produce "a world class shopping destination".

Outline plans have been submitted to Oxford City Council by Westgate Oxford Alliance, a joint venture between The Crown Estate and Land Securities Group PLC.

The plans were finalised following extensive consultation with the community and now residents can see the application documents.

Sara Fuge, development manager for Westgate Oxford Alliance, said: "The excellent turnout for our summer consultation highlighted to us how keen people are for progress on Westgate.

"Submitting our plans represents a major step towards meeting this ambition for a world class shopping destination in Oxford."

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Councillor's Column

Cllr Bob Price

Leader of Oxford City Council

Three cheers for John Major

I RECENTLY heard a radio news item about the former Tory Prime Minister John Major. He was drawing attention in a speech to the dilemma facing so many families and older people in the UK this winter – if we keep the heating on, will we be able to afford the bills as well as meeting the cost of food? He proposed that a special tax is levied on the energy companies' recent huge price increases, and the proceeds used to help the poorest pensioners and families to get through the looming winter months.

And what response has he had from his friends in the Government? A flat rejection…a small gesture of humanity waved away as an irritation. What advice does the Government have for those facing the choice of paying astronomic heating bills or eating healthily?....wear more jumpers!

Last winter, it was estimated that over 7,000 people died primarily because their homes were not warm enough.

The scandal of the rip off energy companies, with their highly paid executives, big profits that provide huge payoffs to shareholders and incomprehensible tariffs that really provide no competition, cannot be allowed to go on.

The next Labour Government, if it comes to power in 2015, will freeze energy prices, and direct support to those pensioners and families who are suffering from 'fuel poverty'. The energy market is broken and it will take a lot more than more jumpers to fix it. Three cheers for John Major – his sensible and humane proposal underlines how out of touch with the people of this country his successors are.

By Adam Flinn

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A CUSTOMER forum regarding the proposed relocation and new service of Witney's post office is taking place on Saturday, to inform residents on details of the potential move.

It is proposed that the post office would move in March next year into the branch of WHSmith in the Woolgate Centre.

The possible relocation is part of a modernisation programme across the Post Office network, and would see extended opening hours at the new branch.

Witney Post Office is currently one of 369 Crown branches, which are directly owned by Post Office Ltd. Over 10,000 others are run by third parties within their retail premises.

Roger Gale, Crown Network general manager, said: "We are committed to keeping a Post Office branch in Witney and to maintaining the same levels of service for our customers.

"If the move goes ahead it will be run by WHSmith High Street Ltd rather than by us directly."

• *Cllr Duncan Enright outside the WHSmith branch in Witney*

However concerns have been raised about the accessibility of a Post Office if it were to move into WHSmith, and that the shop may be too small to accommodate it.

Cllr Duncan Enright has been campaigning for Post Office services in Witney to be protected, and has "grave reservations" about a potential move.

He said: "At the time the Post Office were talking about finding a retail partner, we couldn't believe they would try it [with WHSmith] in Witney because it's so small.

"The one shop in town which has queues as long as the current Post Office is WHSmith, and the access between the aisles is very difficult for most people.

"I've got grave reservations as I can't see how they're going to make it work, so it will be interesting to see what everyone has to say on Saturday."

As well as Saturday's forum, the Post Office are also taking comments on issues such as the premises accessibility between now and November 25. Email comments@postoffice.co.uk.

News Bites

Seen him?

POLICE have released a CCTV image of a boy they are looking for, who they believe stole money from a bus driver's tray earlier this month.

The incident took place on October 3 at 6.24pm, where he and a group of others requested to get off the bus at Cowley Road, but didn't get off until further along the route at Pegasus Road.

Anyone who recognises the boy is asked to contact PC Lee Gilbert from Cowley police station on 101.

Men attacked

TWO men were taken to hospital after they were assaulted in Oxford in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Just before 3.55am, a large crowd gathered outside the Kebab Kid takeaway on Cowley Road, where a fight broke out and the two men were injured.

The first man was in his 20s and the other in his 30s. Police are appealing for information.

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Hopping mad in race for disabled kids

FUNDRAISERS in Oxford are set to be hopping mad with a sponsored space hopper race to raise money for disabled children.

'Fancy a Bounce' is taking place at the Oxford Castle Quarter to fundraise for national charity Caudwell Children, who provide support to disabled children and their families.

Teams will take on three different courses on space hoppers around the Castle Quarter, which is also host to a number of stalls, activities and information stands.

Event organiser Tiffany Sadler said: "Fancy a Bounce is a great way to bring colleagues, families and friends together to not only have fun, but to raise money for an amazing charity.

"It promises to be a unique and unmissable event."

Trudi Beswick, CEO of Caudwell Children, added: "The Fancy a Bounce event is set to be a truly fantastic fundraiser.

"It is a unique idea and one which I am sure members of the public will take and enjoy. The stalls and activities on offer mean it will be a fun day for all the family."

The event takes place on November 10, from 10am to 4pm.

Stories of a Tudor mansion revealed

THE stories behind an Oxfordshire Tudor mansion, believed to have been lost forever, have been rediscovered with the help of Oxford's Bodleian Libraries archives.

Rycote, one of the most important country houses in the county, was demolished in 1807 after being auctioned off brick by brick by the financially crippled owner.

A small chapel, stable guest block and part of the south-west tower were all that remained, and Rycote's archive was destroyed as it was deemed to be of no further value.

But work by Bodleian Libraries, along with the current owners of the property, have pieced together numerous manuscripts, letters, accounts, maps and drawings to tell the story of Rycote.

The new information has been placed online, to reveal the mysteries that were left following the house's demolition.

Matthew Neely, project archivist at Bodleian Libraries, said: "Despite the destruction of its archive, Rycote's national and local importance has left an indelible imprint in disparate collections.

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"Many of these now reside in the Bodleian Library.

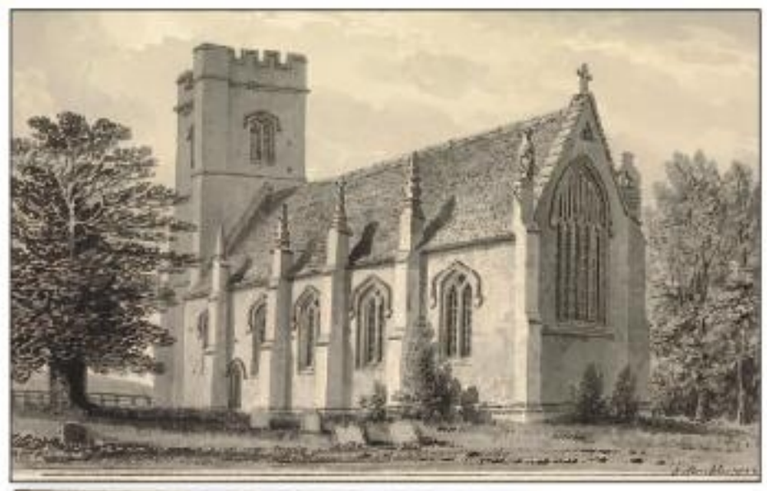
"The Rediscovering Rycote website marks the first time that these formerly fragmented sources have been brought together."

Bernard Taylor, current owner of Rycote Estate, said: "The restoration of Rycote has been a fascinating project and the work of Matthew Neely and the Bodleian Libraries has brought the practical task of restoration to life.

"Rycote's history is important locally and we are delighted to have been able to support this archival work in the Bodleian over the past six years."

Dr Felicity Heal, emeritus fellow at Jesus College, Oxford, said: "Rycote in its heyday was a regional powerhouse.

"It is exciting that, as the house has been revived and rebuilt, the Bodleian has been given the opportunity to re-assemble the scattered evidence of its history and architecture on the website."



• *Above; Rycote's surviving chapel. Below; A drawing of how Rycote House looked before its demolition (Both pictures courtesy of the Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford)*

The new website, www.rycote.bodleian.ox.ac.uk, provides an interactive timeline to show the history of Rycote and the lives of its owners.

There is also an 'add to the archive' function, which allows website visitors to comment on features and contribute to the story of Rycote.

Plenty to do over the half-term holiday

NUMEROUS half-term activities are taking place throughout Oxford next week, to keep children entertained for the duration of the autumn holiday.

Headington's Rock Edge nature reserve will have a mud kitchen, fire pit and activities to teach youngsters more about the site on Saturday and Tuesday, featuring the Oxford Geology Trust.

On Thursday, the Museum of Oxford are holding a Halloween Family Day where visitors can meet the 'barber surgeon', who will tell gruesome tales about operations in the past.

They are also host to a free exhibition showcasing East Oxford From Above, a series of aerial photographs of the area from the 1920s and '30s.

People will also be able to pin their memories of the area to the display, listen to the history of East Oxford and take part in a family walk around the city, all of which run until November 10.

Numerous activities are taking part at the city's leisure centres, including go karting at Blackbird Leys, a pool disco at Barton and swimming lessons at Temple Cowley Pools.

Oxford Ice Rink will host two Halloween-themed discos on Thursday. Go to www.oxford.gov.uk/leisure.

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Ale festival

TWO Oxford pubs are celebrating the Autumn Ales Festival until November 17, as they showcase some of the best British ales and exclusive brews available.

The Crown and The Chequers in Oxford will have drinks from 10 national brewers alongside 50 cask ales supplied on rotation.

New for the festival are guest ales from Northern Ireland, with Portobello Brewery creating an exclusive IPA for the festival.

Baby Boogie

A NUMBER of workshops, classes and the popular Baby Boogie come to the city from Saturday, with Family Dance Week taking place as part of the Dancin' Oxford festival.

Performances are at venues including New Theatre, Old Fire Station and Pegasus Theatre from this weekend until November 3.

Club attack

A 21-year-old who was on the dancefloor of an Oxford nightclub was attacked by four men in the early hours of Sunday morning.

The incident took place at the Thirst club on Park End Street. The victim sustained facial injuries and was taken to the John Radcliffe Hospital.

Service 'an innovative way of providing care'

A WEEK-LONG celebration of a scheme which provides care for adults in a family home is underway, as part of the Shared Lives Week running until Sunday.

There are 10,000 Shared Lives carers working across the country, who open their houses to someone who needs some support to live independently.

This includes working with disabled adults, older people with dementia, people with mental health problems, care leavers and disabled children in transition to adulthood.

Paul and Grace, from Witney, have been carers for three-and-a-half years, and took up the role after their children had left home.

They currently have two service users with learning disabilities staying with them, and are preparing to welcome a third.

Grace said: "Our children had left home and we thought that we could make a real difference to people's lives by becoming Shared Lives carers, as we had something positive to give.

"It is hugely rewarding to see the people in your care develop as you get to know them. We initially had people on short-term respite placements and

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then we decided to take people long-term.

"We have a very happy house and we seek to help people live a normal life.

"The role is not for everybody: if people feel they have the care to give then it could be for them. It is a lot of hard work but you get the rewards."

Sally Ellis, Oxfordshire County Council's manager for the Shared Lives scheme, said: "It's quite an innovative way of providing care.

"One of the best ways of providing them with the kind of care they require is to offer them the chance to stay in a Shared Lives carer's home.

"The service gives vulnerable or disabled adults this opportunity, enabling them to live as independently as possible by sharing in the carer's family life."

The council has arranged follow-up information sessions to provide more information about the scheme, taking place in Witney, Oxford, Wallingford, Bicester, Wantage and Banbury.

West Oxfordshire company shows true grit

A COMMUNITY business venture that supplies a range of supplies to businesses in North Oxfordshire at a reduced cost is offering grit to help companies get through the winter.

Community Buying unLimited (CBL) bulk-buys goods from its Witney base, and then delivers them to nearby businesses and residents.

It is the brainchild of Chris Pomfret, who saw that CBL buying goods in bulk such as grit and arranging delivery works out cheaper for local communities.

They will also be helped by Synolos and Hexagon Business Centres, who will deliver the grit for the 'last mile'.

Chris said: "As soon as a community gets together and wants to buy something, we reduce the price by bulk-buying something, in this case rock salt.

"It works across North Oxfordshire and rural communities, so it's delivered on pallets and then we get the young lads to wheelbarrow it around and get it delivered.

• *The team at Synolos, who will deliver on behalf of Community Buying unLimited*

"The price difference is bonkers, you see how much of a margin there is when you start taking on a corporation."

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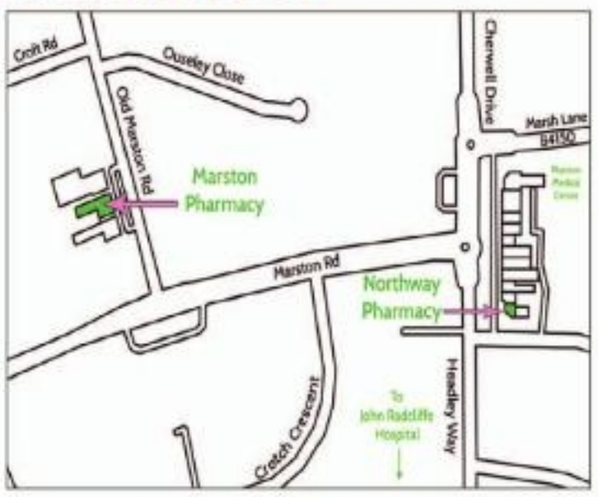

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Rural residents' views sought on budget cuts

RURAL communities across the county will have the chance to voice their views about Oxfordshire County Council services next month.

Residents will be asked to identify the services they value the most, as well as being asked how best the council could make £60m of savings at an event organised by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC).

While a number of public consultations are taking place across Oxfordshire, the ORCC's meeting will focus on whether any loss of services could have a disproportionate effect on rural communities.

County Council leader Ian Hudspeth said: "It is important that we hear from residents in rural communities about the services they value most and which ones they could live without.

"We want to hear ideas about how people and rural communities can get what they need without relying on public services.

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"We also want to talk about charging for services or raising income in other ways.

"The council want to make changes as fairly as possible while protecting services for the most vulnerable people, and to do that properly, we need to hear first-hand from people in Oxfordshire.

"We want people to have an influence on how we manage these very difficult changes."

Meryl Smith, deputy chief executive at ORCC, said: "We are encouraging members of rural communities to participate in the County Council consultation process.

"The financial pressures faced by the council could have serious implications for service provision in rural areas where isolation can compound other pressures.

"Now is the time for people to share what matters most to them and their local community and to suggest ways of avoiding the loss of key services, before decisions are made."

The ORCC consultation is scheduled to take place on November 21 at the Marlborough Enterprise Centre, Shipton Road, Woodstock.

Residents are asked to register their attendance by November 12 by emailing Elizabeth.stevens@oxonrcc.org.uk, or by calling 01865 883488.

Police aim to track down booze thieves

POLICE have released CCTV images of people they would like to speak to after over £1,000 worth of alcohol was stolen from the Sainsbury's supermarket in Kidlington.

At around 6.15pm on October 14, offenders entered the store and filled up a trolley of alcohol, which was taken out of the shop without being paid for.

It is believed the store alarm was activated on purpose, allowing one of the offenders to wheel the trolley of alcohol out of the store.

If you have any information about the incident, contact PS Kevin Tobin from Bicester Police Station on 101, or call Crimestoppers.

News Bites

Grandstand development

A GRADE-II listed grandstand in Henley is set to be developed, with the upper and lower viewing decks overlooking the Thames being completely refurbished.

The grandstand, built as a viewing platform for the Henley Royal Regatta, is based at Phyllis Court Club, and is due to be completed in March next year.

Club secretary Graham Owen said: "It is vital to the club members that the renovation and refurbishment of this important and historic landmark is carried out in a sympathetic manner."

Info session for the deaf

A WELFARE reform information session for the deaf community giving people the chance to ask questions to a Cherwell District Council expert on welfare reform is taking place on November 8.

They will also be able to have their say on council services, while sign language interpretation will be available.

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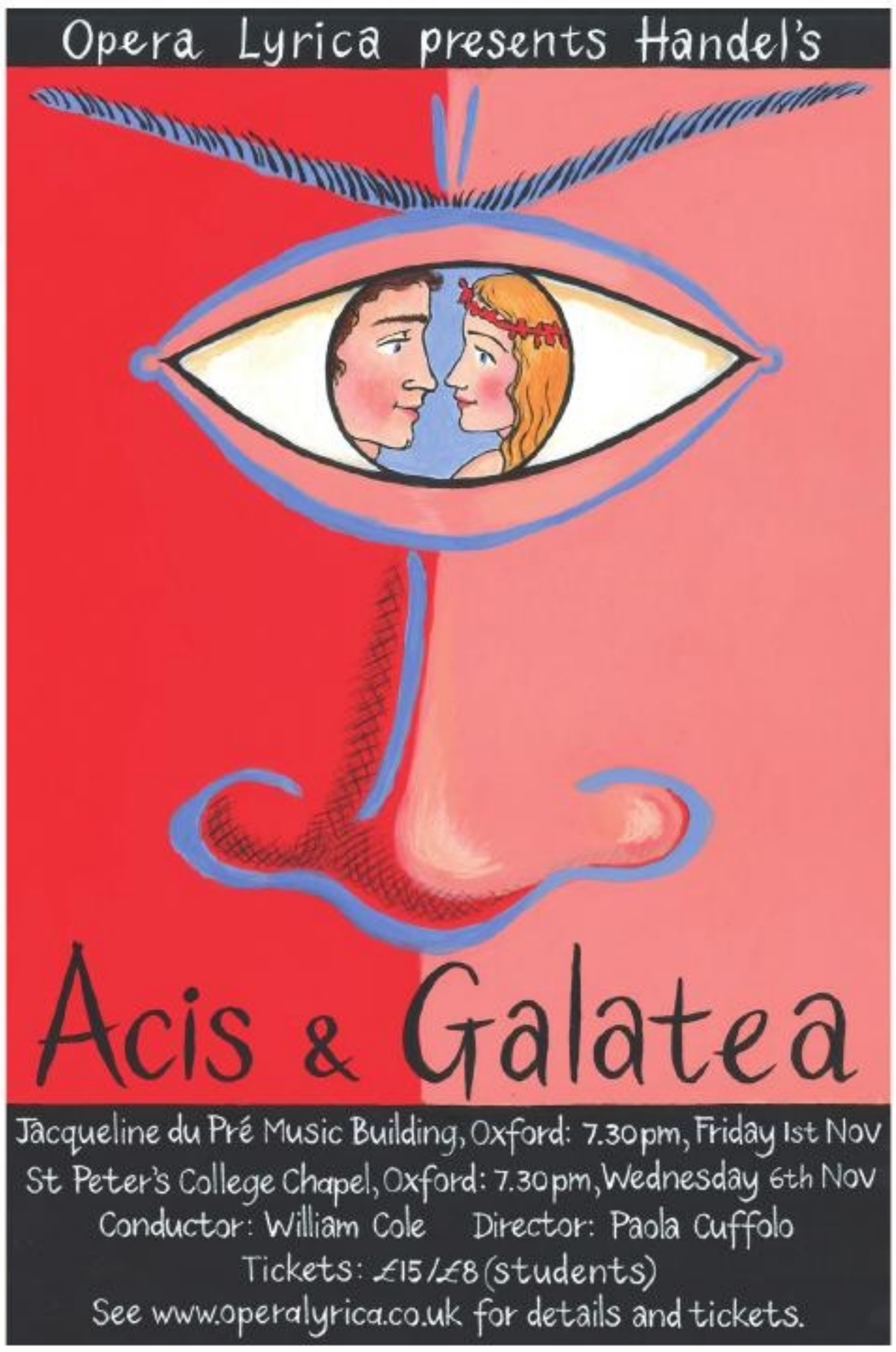
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Quartet of charities get projects funding boost

FOUR groups from across the county have received a £4,800 cash boost between them to help with their community projects.

The Climate Outreach & Information Network (COIN) in Oxford, the South Leigh Summer Fayre Committee, Stadhampton Community Building Project and the 2nd Witney Guides are the lucky recipients of this years Co-operative Membership Community Fund.

Members of the Co-operative choose where to allocate money from the fund by the local area communities and distribute it to support good causes.

George Conchie, chair of The Co-operative's South Midlands Area Committee, said: "Supporting local communities has been an inherent part of The Co-operative's values and principles since the very beginning of the Co-operative Movement.

"We are particularly proud of our Community Fund, as it demonstrates how members can make a real difference in their local area.

"We are particularly proud of our Community Fund, as it demonstrates how the generosity of our members can make a real difference in their local area."

By **Jack Johnson**
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COIN has received £980 towards a community event on the issue of climate change and emission reduction while the South Leigh Summer Fayre Committee has been awarded over £1,200 for the running costs of this year's event.

The Stadhampton Community Building Project has received a grant of nearly £2,000 to buy cooking utensils, folding tables and crockery for the new community centre and the 2nd Witney Guides has received £600 to buy tents for its planned camping trips.

Ann Stead, from the Stadhampton Community Building Project, said: "The cash has made a huge difference to the group.

"Funding is becoming ever harder to secure, therefore we were delighted to hear that we were successful in securing this grant from The Co-operative."

This news comes as stores in Oxford, Grove and Chipping Norton raised over £550 for MacMillan Cancer Support last month as part of the world's biggest organised coffee morning.

'Fantastic effort' gets woman recycling prize

A WITNEY woman has become the second person to be awarded an annual family pass to Blenheim Palace after sticking to her recycling pledge.

Maureen McBain promised to recycle as much as possible as part of an Oxfordshire Waste Partnership initiative.

The county has the best recycling performance in the country, with more than 60 per cent of all materials diverted from landfill sites.

Now, the partnership is looking to keep up the good work and are rewarding members of the public who keep their promise.

Mrs McBain was asked several questions in order to check that she was following through with her pledge and said: "I try to recycle as much as I can, including new things like batteries."

Cllr Reg Waite, vice-chair of Oxfordshire Waste Partnership, added: "Mrs McBain has clearly made a fantastic effort to recycle as much as possible."

• *Maureen McBain and Cllr Reg Waite*

News Bites

Driver lucky

A DRIVER escaped serious injury on October 19 after a road traffic collision near Williamscot.

At 10.20am, fire crews were sent to the incident on Calibargo's Hill and found a vehicle on its side with the driver trapped.

Hydraulic cutting equipment was used to remove the rear door, windscreen and roof to free the driver.

Spick and span

CHERWELL District Council is set to rid the streets of Grimsbury of litter, fly-tipping, graffiti and dog mess.

Throughout next week, members of the environmental services team will take to the streets while local residents are being urged to take part.

Members of the public can get involved through compost and recycling giveaways.

Book sale

A MASSIVE second-hand book sale is taking place in Carterton this weekend.

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Entertainment

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Skater boys ready to rock

Fairy tales

CHILDREN'S theatre show Three Billy Goats Gruff is at the North Wall Arts Centre on Sunday, incorporating a mix of classic fairytales.

The storyteller is on the run, as he attempts to bring tales of what really happened to the three little pigs, Goldilocks, and the goats themselves.

Two shows are scheduled, taking place at 11am and 2pm. Go to www.thenorthwall.com or call 01865 319450 for more details.

Train mystery

KENTON Theatre in Henley is host to Emil and the Detectives on Sunday, with a family theatre adventure based on the book by Erich Kästner.

Young Emil falls asleep on a Berlin train and is robbed of all his money, so he begins a quest to catch the crook.

AMERICAN rock trio SKATERS are performing in Oxford on Wednesday, as the band prepare for the release of their new single 'Deadbolt' next month.

The trio only got together two years ago, and it has been a busy period for the group, who are currently in the process of recording their debut album.

SKATERS is comprised of Michael Cummings, Noah Rubin and Josh Hubbard, although it was a hard job getting all of them together at the same time.

Singer-songwriter Michael said: "Two of us had played previously together, and we knew Josh and Josh knew us, and we were aware of each other's bands.

"But we never really crossed paths because when Josh was living in New York, I was in Los Angeles and then when I was in New York, he was in London.

"Then me and Josh finally met at a party in Los Angeles and hit it off, started a bit of a bromance, and we just kept in touch.

"After that, he phoned me and said he should come to New York

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and I said, 'ok, maybe in November', and then on October 31st I got an email saying he was getting in at 4pm the next day, so it was kind of a shock.

"The band started literally that night, and we booked three shows the next morning."

They describe themselves as "not a punk band, and not really standard rock either", but rather something in the middle.

'Deadbolt' comes out on November 18th, and Michael is looking forward to its release.

"We're really proud of it," he said. "We've put a lot of work into this record and spent more time than we've had before.

"I'm excited, I just want everybody to hear it. It's a lot of touring to put a record out, so I'm ready for people to hear it already."

SKATERS are performing with Deap Vally on Wednesday, with the show starting at 7pm. Go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk.

• *SKATERS are in Oxford on Wednesday to promote their new single 'Deadbolt'*

Hidden People

HUSBAND and wife duo Kathryn Roberts and Sean Lakeman come to Banbury tomorrow evening, promoting their long-awaited debut album Hidden People.

The pair have been lynchpins of the UK's folk-acoustic revival over the last 20 years, and the new album includes eight self-penned songs among others.

It starts at 8pm at the Mill Arts Centre, and tickets cost £12.50 in advance. Go to www.themillartscentre.co.uk or phone 01295 297002 for more details.

Gabby Young

GABBY Young and Other Animals, a British eight-piece band who play gypsy, folk, rock and jazz, are performing at the Didcot Cornerstone on Saturday.

The group have created their own genre of 'circus swing', with lively use of the trumpet, trombone, piano, clarinet and Gabby's amazing vocals.

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7pm, The Masons Arms Pub, 5 Park Road, North Leigh, Witney, Oxon OX29 6RZ
Entry £3 Enjoy a bit of ghoulish fun in the pub that will be spooktacularly decorated for this event! Fancy dress is encouraged, but optional. Food available if ordered in advance.
For more information contact Karen on 07835 109617 or Jill on 07867 724889.

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The Masons Arms Pub, 5 Park Road, North Leigh, Witney, Oxon OX29 6RZ
Entry Adults £2, Children £1 Come and enjoy a spooktacular party for both adults and children. There will be a Bar, Music, Face Painting, Apple Bobbing, Lucky Dip, Fancy Dress, Teddy Tombolla, Pin the Nose on the Witch, Drawing, Colouring, Light Refreshments and a Raffle. There will also be prizes for the best fancy dressed male, female, boy and girl.
For more information contact Karen on 07835 109617 or Jill on 07867 724889.

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Riverside Dinner Dance & All That Jazz! - Saturday, 16th November 2013
7pm–12.30am, Shillingford Bridge Hotel, Shillingford Hill, Wallingford, OX10 8LZ
This event offers a delicious three course dinner with dancing, entertainment and a grand charity raffle. In between courses the wonderfully talented Skeptics, an A'capella Trio, will sing for us and after the meal the Oxford Jazz Collective will play a mixture of jazz, swing and funk to get your toes tapping and tempt you on to the dance floor. To finish the night we have Ann-Marie Warner a solo pop artists covering your favourite artists including Adel. There will also be a disco until 12.30am. Tickets cost £25 per person with all proceeds being donated to Oxfordshire Mind. Tickets are available in advance only.
Please contact nicky.clargo@oxfordshire-mind.org.uk for a copy of the menu. Dinner guests may book reduced rate rooms at the hotel - single, double or twin rooms £35 per room.

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Portico are mixing it up

Mystery tour

A MAGICAL mystery tour around the world takes place at the Chipping Norton Theatre on Tuesday, in a workshop for children aged from six to 11.

Run by The Oxford Concert Party, kids will be able to sing, dance, laugh and make music together.

For more details, visit www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk.

Le Corsaire

ENGLISH National Ballet's Le Corsaire comes to the Oxford New Theatre from Wednesday, with a swashbuckling drama of captive maidens, love and betrayal.

It all culminates in a shipwreck, which is said to be one of the most breath-taking spectacles in ballet. It runs until November 2.

Go to www.newtheatreoxford.org.uk.

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LONDON-BASED group Portico Quartet come to Oxford tomorrow, with their blend of unique music made distinctive by their use of the Hang, a modern-day percussion instrument.

The band had humble beginnings, starting off by busking in the capital before being signed in 2007, and releasing their first album 'Knee-deep in the North Sea' the same year.

They have since released two more albums, 'Isla' in 2009 and the eponymous 'Portico Quartet' following in 2012.

Soprano and tenor saxophone player Jack Wyllie said: "We're just going to be playing some music from our latest album and then some new stuff as well.

"It's mainly sort of live, electronic music with a lot of acoustic instruments, and a mix of stuff we're yet to release and stuff from the most recent album.

"We're hopefully going to have a new album in the first half of next year, but it's taking quite a long time!"

• *Portico Quartet perform their first ever gig in Oxford tomorrow*

Jack has been with the band since they began in 2005, after the original members met at university.

He grew up listening to various genres of music, something he believes has shaped his input into the group.

He said: "What I find quite exciting is the growth of electronic music and how creative that scene is.

"I think at the moment the way I pursue music and the way people share music is so quick, it's so exciting and there's definitely a lot of really interesting stuff coming out.

"It's a really dynamic time for electronic music in particular, but a lot of other music as well.

"It's really like the music is changing and the ideas are happening a lot more quickly, and I find that very exciting."

The show is at the Newman Rooms, on Rose Place, for a 7.30pm start.

Blue reunited for UK tour

ANTONY Costa, Duncan James, Lee Ryan and Simon Webbe are back together as Blue come to the Oxford O2 Academy tomorrow night.

Following their appearance on The Big Reunion earlier this year, Blue are back for a full UK tour performing a mix of new songs and old favourites.

Doors open at 6.30pm. For ticket information, go to www.o2academyoxford.co.uk or phone 0844 477 2000.

The Bin Men

BIN Men, a play with music for young children and their families, is being staged at Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Tuesday afternoon.

Don and Sam are bin men with big dreams who want to save the world, and at the same time have fun doing it as they find a use for all the junk they come across.

The show starts at 2.30pm, and costs £6.

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Billy and co are back!

The Buttons

CHILDREN'S theatre show The War of the Buttons is staged at the Didcot Cornerstone on Sunday afternoon, in a show designed for deaf and hearing-impaired audiences.

Described as a journey of imagination into a world drawn by a child, the show tells the story of George and Bessie through music, puppetry, clowning, movement and sign language. Tickets cost £8 for a 2pm start.

Like no other

BRITISH blues guitarist Chantel McGregor is at The Bullingdon in Oxford on Monday, after being voted 'Best Female Vocalist' and 'Guitarist of the Year' at the British Blues Awards in August.

Chantel released her debut album 'Like No Other' in 2011.

THE renowned Billy Smart's Circus show is back after several years of non-touring, and is coming to Oxford as part of a six-day run.

Billy Smart is one of the most famous names in the circus industry, and it all started for the highly successful showman back in 1946 when he bought a Big Top.

The latest show is part of the company's first full tour of Great Britain for over 30 years, with sporadic performances filling the void in between.

Television shows and appearances of the circus continued after touring first stopped in 1971, but now the acts are back on the road to entertain a new generation.

"I think the circus will always be popular," said Sammy Little, general manager at Billy Smart's Circus.

"It's the way you present it, you have to be a bit modern. Nowadays you can't be old fashioned.

"Of course it's still traditional, but with modern things in it. We don't have a ringmaster, we don't have animals, and yet people really don't miss that.

"The circus is something magical, it's somewhere for you to go for two hours and forget all your sorrows, and everything that's going on."

It is in Oxford from Tuesday until the following Sunday, with between two and three performances a day from its base at The Oxpens.

Sammy has been working at circuses for the past 22 years, and joined Billy Smart's earlier this year in preparation for this tour. She added: "You get to travel a lot. We're in a different place every week, so you get to see a lot of the world, which is great. It's been great so far, only good reactions." Tickets for the show cost between £12 and £24. For more information and show start times, go to www.billy-smarts-circus.co.uk.

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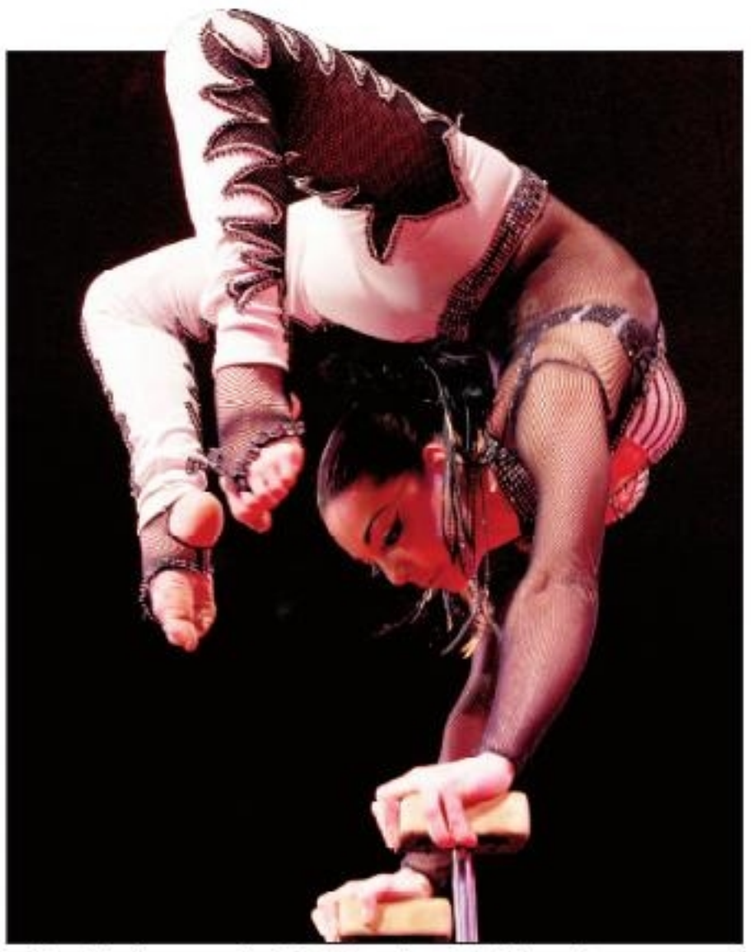

• *Hand balance artiste Desiree is one of the acts performing in Oxford from Tuesday*

The Producers

MEL Brooks' renowned musical The Producers comes to the Oxford Playhouse from Wednesday, telling the story of the ultimate showbiz swindle to stage a lousy play and keep the money.

The performance features a 25-piece orchestra and a 30-strong cast, performed by the University of Oxford Student Company DEM Productions.

Tickets cost £17 for each of the six shows, which run until Saturday, November 2. Call 01865 305305 for more details.

Magic in time

VICTORIAN magicians Morgan and West bring a mysterious extravaganza to Banbury's Mill Arts Centre on Tuesday, with their show Time Travelling Magicians.

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4					8	2		5
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Going out of use (11)
9 Centre (3)
10 Persistent effort (9)
11 Stream (5)
13 Having unequal sides (7)
14 Manage (6)
16 Tenant (6)
18 Power (7)
19 Social call (5)
20 Magnificence (9)
21 Vegetable (3)
22 Well-mannered (11)

Quick Clues Down

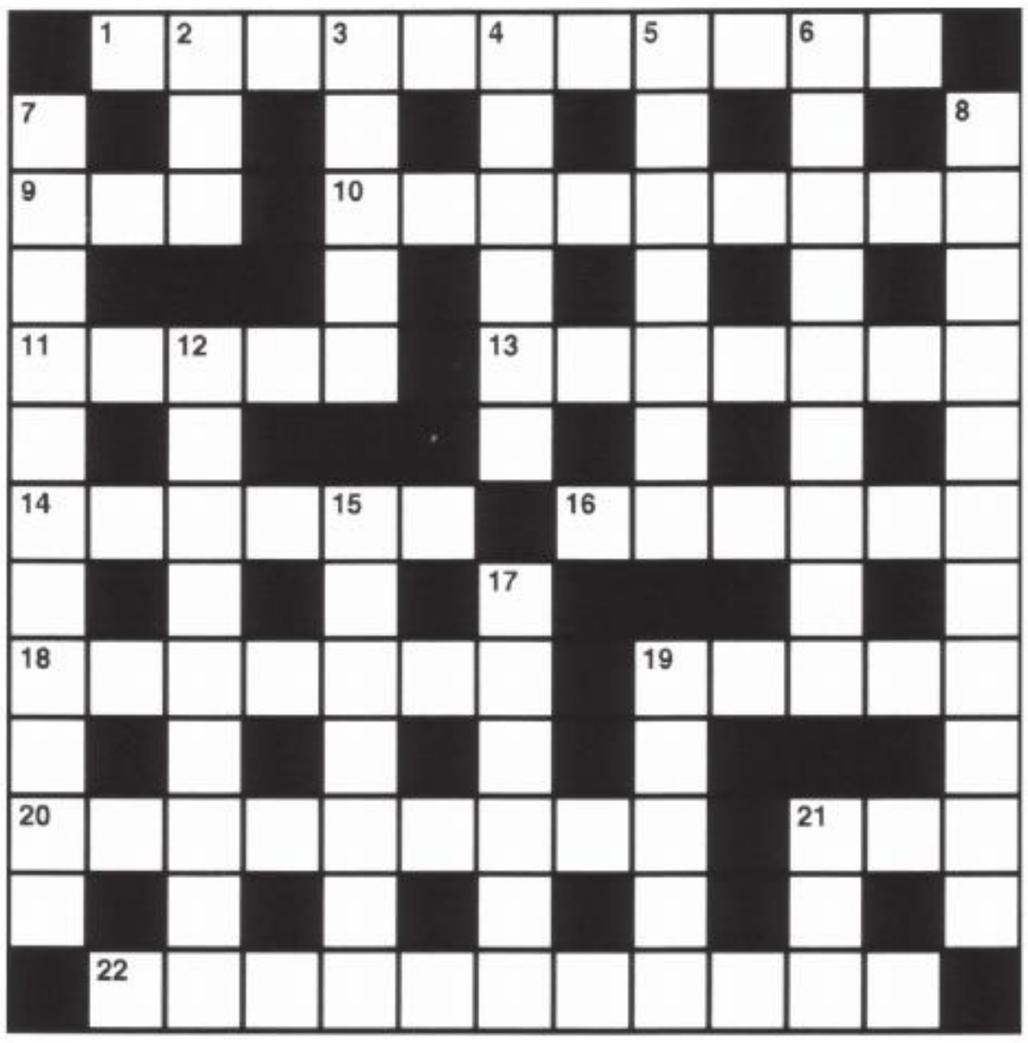
2 Haircut (3)
3 Arrange (5)
4 Win the support of (6)
5 Related by family (7)
6 Absurdities (9)
7 Worshipping (6-5)
8 Respectful (11)
12 Worthy of reverence (9)
15 Softly radiant (7)
17 Explosive nasal sound (6)
19 Goddess of the hearth (5)
21 Friend (3)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Well drilled, we hear, to get quickly in the swim (6-5)
9 But a fast dye doesn't (3)
10 The lean years? (5,4)
11 I am a long time getting the picture (5)
13 Are in a snug place, relatively speaking (7)
14 It allows more freedom for the guests (6)
16 Continue to hold Mother in check (6)
18 Tedious music-maker? (7)
19 A prayer it's right to turn aside? (5)
20 Carries weight - smile at it crookedly (9)
21 Also in stools (3)
22 One who sticks up for his profession? (5-6)

Cryptic Clues Down

2 Look for gold on the range? (3)
3 Is Susan to come out? (5)
4 Grins about a lot of corny things (6)
5 Time the poet was out and about to work (7)
6 Say again there is one tree out in the amount (9)
7 Weeping over the disgrace? (6,5)
8 Tied nations somehow to their fate (11)
12 Country where Laura is at sixes and sevens (9)
15 Sleep it out with the Corinthians, for example? (7)
17 Saintly irritation results in pain (6)
19 Reverend gentleman loses his head and takes to crime (5)
21 Draw a cravat (3)



Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Famished 4 Step 8 Instep 10 Allude 11 Erase 12 Sieve 14 Castle 17 Crescents 18 Moonstone 22 Ararat 23 Angle 24 Remit 26 Begged 27 Nipper 28 Erne 29 Reverent

Down: 1 Fair 2 Mosaic 3 Sleeve 5 Trusts 6 Precedes 7 Clean 9 Presented 10 Ascertain 13 Error 15 Stung 16 Scramble 18 Margin 19 Oared 20 On time 21 Elapse 25 Brat

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Trampled 4 Star 8 Stalin 10 Cloaks 11 Aisle 12 Being 14 Erring 17 Asthmatic 18 Buccaneer 22 Unreal 23 Enter 24 Burst 26 Scarab 27 Silent 28 Dose 29 Unsealed

Down: 1 Toss 2 Azalea 3 Pliant 5 Tragic 6 Resigned 7 Alert 9 Night club 10 Clearness 13 Issue 15 Rivet 16 Accursed 18 Breaks 19 Cabal 20 Entire 21 Repeal 25 Stud

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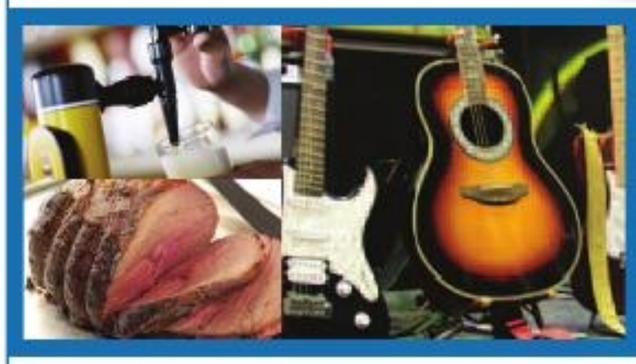

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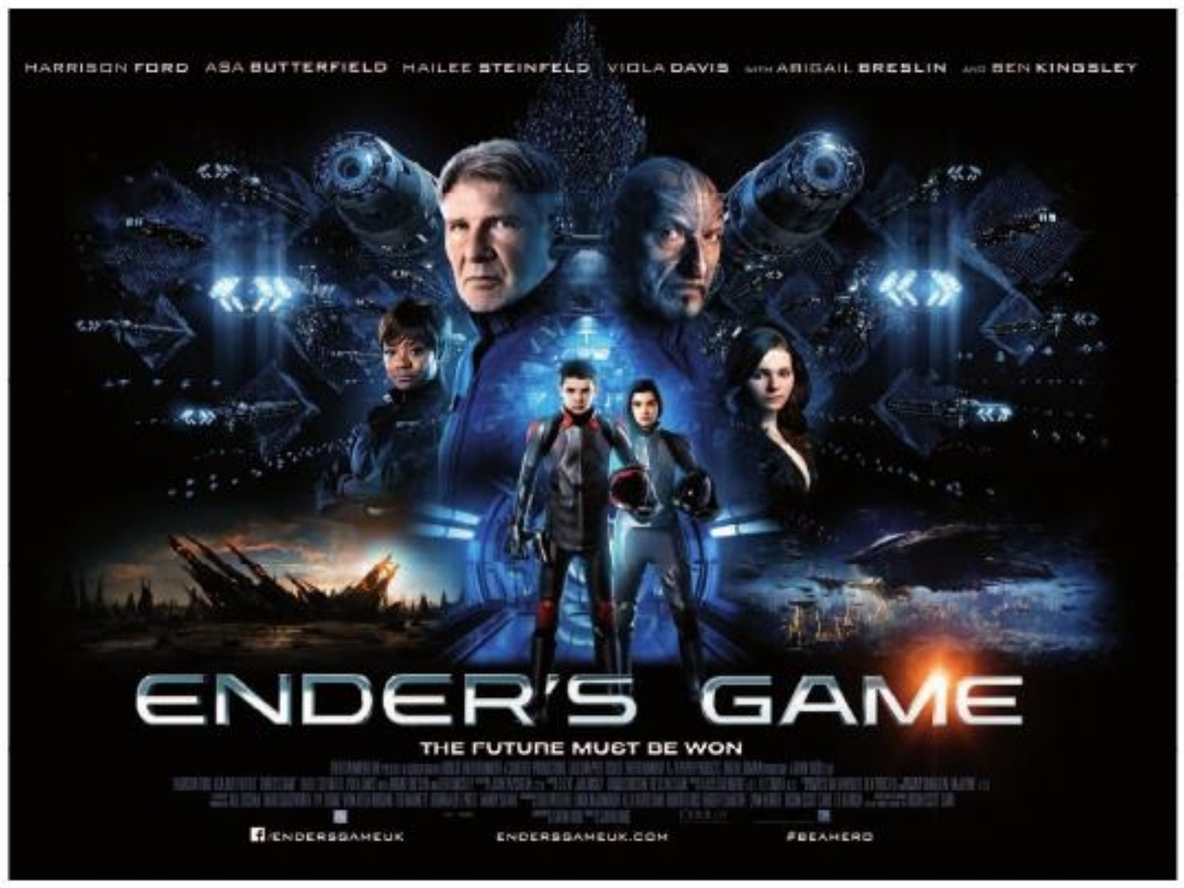
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By **Philip Shoulder**

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SOME things in life are definitely worth waiting for. The new Ford Fiesta ST is unquestionably one of them. It hits the hot-hatch scene just in time to take the fight to the new Peugeot 208 GTi and Renault Clio Renaultsport 200 Turbo.

Developed by Ford Team RS, the new Fiesta ST is equipped with a 182 PS 1.6-litre EcoBoost petrol engine, enabling it to sprint from 0-62mph in 6.9 seconds and reach a top speed of 137mph. Ford also claim it performs at 47.9mpg (combined) and 138 g/km CO2.

Like any performance model, it has to look the part. The car's headlight design incorporates LED day-time running lamp technology and new paint options include Race Red, Molten Orange and Spirit Blue.

Inside, the sporty highlights include: high winged Recaro seats, alloy gearknob and pedals and ST badged steering wheel. Otherwise the cabin is usual Fiesta fare, the ST benefiting from the supermini's recent makeover.

The driving position is comfortable and well-aligned, although it's quite a reach back to grasp the seat belt. Some may also find the heavily bolstered bucket seats a rather tight fit.

Not only has the new ST benefited from specialist tuning by Ford Team RS, gaining revised suspension settings and steering, but it also gets advanced features to optimise driving dynamics, including: torque vectoring (which emulates a limited-slip differential) and a three-stage electronic traction control system.

It not only sticks to the road like glue, but communicates far more clearly than its rivals are able to. The steering is quick and has a satisfyingly weighty feel once under way, yet lightens at parking speeds.

The turbo-charged engine really howls under hard acceleration, the only caveat being whether you'll find the sound tiring on longer journeys.

Performance from the engine is strong, delivering a smooth thrust devoid of any noticeable turbo lag and the six-speed manual gearbox is a real joy to use, being precise and wonderfully fluid.

Verdict:

Ford's new Fiesta ST is the most engaging and full-on supermini hot-hatch currently on the market. Although it can't match the refinement and comfort of the 208 GTi or Renault Clio Renaultsport, it's a small price to pay for a car that's this much fun to drive.

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10 60 FIESTA ZETEC 1.25 PETROL, 5dr, colorado red/grey, 5 spd, e/w&m, r/CD, alloys, a/c, HFS, blue tooth, ABS, ESP, c/l, 5 airbags, PAS, FSH, very low mileage 18,500, one local owner

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10 60 KA EDGE 1.2 PETROL, 3dr, crystal white/gry, 5 spd, a/c, e/w&m, c/l, PAS, r/CD, 2 airbags, ABS, low mileage, one local owner from new, FSH, £30RFL per year, 23,947 ..... **£5,995**

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13 62 FOCUS NEW MODEL 1.0 100 PS PETROL ZETEC, 5dr, ink blue met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, c/l, 17" alloys, a/c, Bluetooth USB, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, rear park sensors, balance of manufacturer's warranty, one local owner, low mileage, £20 RFL per year, 8,029 miles **£12,595**

12 62 FOCUS NEW MODEL 1.0 100PS PETROL ZETEC, 5dr, moondust silver met/grey, e/w&m, r/CD, 17" alloys, air con, Bluetooth USB, PAS, privacy glass, ABS, ESP, HFS, front fogs, 6 airbags, BALANCE OF MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, one local owner, low mileage 5,000 miles, £20 RFL per year. **£11,995**

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Check the condition & pressures of tyres

The tread depth, tyre condition and pressure of your tyres are essential items that should be checked as is vitally important that your tyres grip the road properly to reduce the risk of skidding and aquaplaning in Wintery conditions. Julians fully endorse the guidelines set by the Tyre Industry Council, which state that tyres should be considered for changing when the tread depth remaining reaches approximately 3mm, at which depth they are 78% worn.

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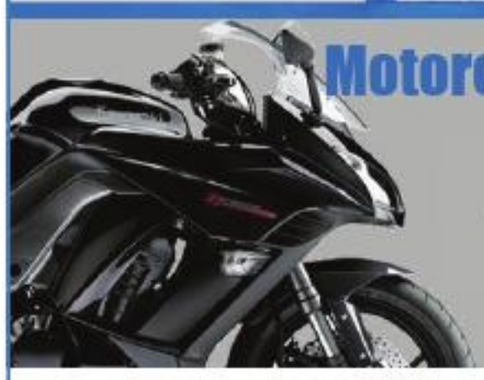

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Wilder pleased with U's after Exeter stalemate

• *Sean Rigg runs into a crowded penalty area during the goalless draw with Exeter City (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

CHRIS Wilder says he is pleased with Oxford United's recent performances but wants to see more quality in the final third after his side drew 0-0 with Exeter City on Tuesday evening.

In a fairly even encounter, United created the better opportunities but were unable to find the breakthrough their performance deserved.

On 40 minutes Sean Rigg saw his low shot saved by Artur Krysiak in the Exeter goal and the left winger failed to hit the target on two other occasions.

By Jack Johnson
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James Constable also had a good opportunity but the striker headed Danny Rose's corner just over the bar on 63 minutes.

Oxford United	**0**
Exeter City	**0**

However, United will now be without Dave Kitson for Saturday's trip to AFC Wimbledon after the frontman was sent off in the closing stages.

"We had, especially in the second half, a lot of the play and a lot of possession against a really good side," Wilder said.

"We have to be careful against Exeter because they have a good habit of picking you off if you go gung-ho.

"I thought that we got the balance right but we just needed that little bit of quality in and around the box.

"I'm disappointed with Dave's sending off. It has taken the gloss off a pretty decent performance against a good side."

United are currently fourth in League Two, three points behind league leaders Rochdale, and Wilder is pleased with the way his side are playing at the moment.

"There is not a lot wrong with our play at the moment, I'm pretty happy with where we are," he said.

"I see a team giving it their all, passing the ball well, creating chances and being on the front foot."

Tuesday evening was also a special night for Wilder as it marked his 250th game in charge of the club.

He said: "It's always a proud night for me. I am proud to manage this club."

Claydon stars as Wantage smash seven

RICH Claydon scored a hat-trick as Wantage Town struck a magnificent seven against Abingdon Town last weekend to advance to the second round of the FA Vase.

Matt Pedder, Sean Webb, Ritchie Guy and Tom Melledew joined Claydon on the scoresheet as Gary Ackling's men ran riot at Alfredian Park.

Wantage were meant to return to league action on Tuesday night but their Hellenic Premier Division match against Brimscombe & Thrupp was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

As a result, Ackling's side slipped to second in the table with Reading Town moving up to top spot after a 1-0 win over Abingdon United.

Meanwhile, second from bottom Abingdon Town were beaten 3-0 by Flackwell Heath on Tuesday.

Elsewhere, Oxford City Nomads also booked their place in the second round of the FA Vase with a 2-1 win over Hamworthy United.

On Tuesday night their league match against Ascot United was abandoned because of torrential rain.

City frustrated by Worcester

OXFORD City were unable to extend their three game win ning streak as they were held to a goalless draw by fellow strugglers Worcester City.

It could have been very different had Steve Basham managed to convert from Tom Winters' inch perfect cross, but the City striker saw his first time effort fly inches wide.

Minutes later Winters was again the provider when Lee Henderson headed narrowly over from a corner.

City keeper Victor Francoz had to be at his best as he turned Danny Glover's low shot around the upright.

After the break, manager Mike Ford brought on Marvin Robinson and former Worcester City striker Mike Symonds. After Richard Munday brought down Robinson, Winters unleashed a 20 yard piledriver from the resulting free kick, only to be denied by a superb save from Jose Veiga.

Declan Benjamin tested Veiga with a long range effort, while both Winters and Robinson saw efforts comfortably saved by the Worcester stopper. Despite dominating possession in the latter stages, City were unable to prise open a stubborn Worcester defence.

Impressive Smith nets sixth in Australian GP

• *Bradley Smith finished sixth at Phillip Island (Picture courtesy of Tech 3)*

BRADLEY Smith equalled his career best MotoGP finish last Sunday as he finished sixth at Phillip Island.

Before last weekend's Australian Grand Prix, Smith had not finished in the top six since round eight in Germany.

The race itself was action packed following concerns over excessive tyre wear on a new track surface.

This resulted in the race being reduced to 19 laps, including a mandatory pit stop for fresh tyres at the end of lap nine or ten.

Championship leader Marc Marquez was caught out by the pit stop, coming in a lap late and was disqualified.

Jorge Lorenzo went onto win the race, cutting Marquez's lead to 18 points with two rounds to go.

Smith said after the race: "Sixth position is a very good result and I got another really fast start.

"It was not an easy weekend with a lot of drama and confusion surrounding the tyres, but my Monster Yamaha Tech 3 crew remained calm and concentrated throughout and it was good to pay them back with my first top six for a while."

Sport Bites

Cricket awards

OXFORDSHIRE'S cricket clubs celebrated the end of the season at the Kassam Stadium on Saturday, at the Cherwell League's annual presentation night.

Horspath collected the Division One title, Cumnor won Division Two, Long Marston Division Three and Didcot Division Four at the ceremony.

Other division winners on the night included Great Brickhill 2, East Oxford 2, Horley 2, Horspath 4 and Long Marston 3.

Hawks lose

OXFORD Hawks men's hockey team succumbed to a 4-0 loss against Old Georgians on Saturday, to leave them sixth in the South Hockey League Premier 1 standings.

They have one win, one draw and now one loss so far this season, following a 3-2 victory against Staines and 1-1 draw with Lewes so far this month.

Oxford University are the Hawks' next opponents on Saturday, with an away fixture over their ninth-placed local rivals.

Stars return

OXFORD Stars will want to keep their winning run going, as they return after three weeks to face the Swindon Wildcats in the National Ice Hockey League Cup on Saturday.

Stars have won five games in a row leading up to this weekend, the most recent of which being a 4-1 victory over London Haringey Racers on October 5.

Unbeaten Stars top the standings with 10 points, four ahead of Saturday's opponents Swindon, who are also unbeaten but have two games in hand.

Quins extend winning run

OXFORD Harlequins extended their winning streak to seven games in the South West 1 East last weekend with a 31-25 victory over Windsor.

Quins have not lost a match so far this season and are three points ahead of second-placed Swindon.

This weekend they travel to third from bottom Buckingham.

In the same league, Grove made it three wins in a row with a 34-22 victory over local rivals Witney.

In the SSE National League 1, Henley Hawks made it three games unbeaten with an 18-10 win over Richmond.

Liam O'Neil went over twice and James Comben kicked eight points.

Lastly, Chinnor suffered a third straight defeat in the SSE National League 2 South, losing 21-11 to Ampthill & District.

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DIDDY STAY AT FOOT OF TABLE

Railwaymen soundly beaten, and lose Haysham and Beesley to injury

By **Steve Clare**
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DIDCOT Town's miserable league campaign continued with a 3-1 home defeat to fellow strugglers Evesham United on Tuesday evening.

The defeat leaves the Railwaymen rooted to the bottom of Division One South & West with just five points from 10 games.

On Tuesday evening their cause was not helped by losing leading scorer Pablo Haysham in the warm-up and keeper Kieran Beesley early in the second half.

With Gareth Tucker moving to Abingdon United last week, injury to Beesley caused problems for Diddy as they had no substitute goalkeeper on the bench.

This saw defender Sam Elkins, who is struggling with injury, take over the gloves for almost the entire second half.

In appalling conditions both sides can take some credit for braving the rain and lightning but it was the visitors who stormed into a two goal lead within half an hour.

Carl Brown stabbed home from close range on 18 minutes and then Nathan Lewars capitalised on a blunder by Beesley to double Evesham's lead just before the half hour mark.

Diddy's closest effort in the first half ended with Matt Blenford hitting the side netting from 12 yards.

After Beesley's withdrawal Diddy were always chasing the game and only some heroics from Elkins late-on prevented the visitors from running away with it.

That said Luke Carnell gave the home supporters some hope by heading home a corner on 73 minutes but Evesham had the final say when Lance Smith thumped the ball home in stoppage time.

Interim manager Gary Elkins will be looking to help Diddy to their first league win since September 7 as they welcome fellow strugglers Fleet Town to the Loop Meadow Stadium this Saturday.

As the Guardian went to print, no decision had been made on who Andy Wallbridge's successor would be.

Didcot Town	**1**
Evesham United	**3**

• *Luke Carnell scored Didcot's only goal in their defeat to Evesham (Picture by Roger Neal)*

Honours even at the Kassam

OXFORD United's good run of form continued on Tuesday night but Chris Wilder's side were unable to break the deadlock against promotion rivals Exeter City.

The goalless draw against the Grecians saw United remain fourth in League Two and they will be looking to stretch their unbeaten run to four games at AFC Wimbledon this weekend.

See inside sport for full story.

• *Ryan Williams bursts into the Exeter penalty area (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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